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Subject: Ship Disposal

Hi Elliott,

We spoke last fall about the Ship Disposal issue. As you know, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have asked questions, periodically over the last few months, about the Agency's role in the Ship Disposal issue. The most recent questions, arising as a result of an article in the Baltimore Sun, involve the process we would use to allow export of these ships. In particular, staff for Sen. Mikulski, the Ranking Member on our Appropriations Subcommittee, has asked:

- 1. What laws would have to be waived to allow export?
- 2. What is the process for waiving the law?
- 3. Have we begun that process and if not, what other options are we pursuing?

## Exemption 5 - Deliberative Process Privilege

If you have question, please do not hesitate to call me at 564-1168. Again, thank you.

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